

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
5 OCTOBER 2020, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), D Imlach, Mrs J Jackson, R Marks and D Summerfield.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council

The Chairman confirmed the meeting was being broadcast via *Facebook Live*.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and officers were invited to make any declarations of pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and were reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then became apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue was to be considered.

Cllr D Summerfield declared an interest as a Member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

3. Questions from Visitors

There had been no requests to join the meeting to ask a question, and no questions had been submitted to be read out.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Cty Cllr David Bradford and Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon McAra had both tendered apologies, but had sent written reports, circulated to all Councillors.

5. To consider any applications for cooption, previously circulated.

No applications had been received.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 7 September 2020, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman in due course. Cllr R Marks apologised for missing the meeting.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey, Sussex had thanked the council for their donation of £100.00.

8. Planning

- a) Comments on planning applications were **RESOLVED** as set out in Appendix A.
- b) To consider making a comments on the Government's Planning White Paper. **RESOLVED** that the Council express its concern at the implications the proposals will have on communities that are likely to have to accept considerable new development that don't have the protection of being in a National Park.
- c) To consider commenting on the SDNPA's consultation on parking standards in new developments. **RESOLVED** no comment.

9. Highways

a. Village Gateways – to receive an update.

These are due to be installed on the 19th October.

b. Footpaths and Footways

The footway alongside the A286 The Croft bus shelter to Heyshott turn was still in need of attention. The road to Crypt Farm was also in need of attention.

c. Cycleways

It was reported that the funding had been secured to improve the ROW leading from Cocking Hill via Manor Farm into the village at Bumblekite. This was designed to assist users of the Centurion Way, once it reached the outskirts of the village, to safely get into the village.

d. Gritting

The grit in the grit bin was solid. The *Hippo* bag of salt kindly being stored by Cllr Marks was disintegrating.

e. Pedestrian Crossing

Cllr Imlach reported that WSCC had advised him that our wish for a crossing in the village would be unlikely to meet their criteria.

10. Parish Matters

a. Playground

Cllr Imlach reported on the annual ROSPA report from a new Inspector. This report was less *picky* than previous and far more helpful. He was going through the various recommendations and arranging implementation as appropriate. The picnic tables and benches required new slats.

b. Newsletter

First draft was being prepared. Members commented on the need for care in mentioning new businesses in the village in the newsletter, so as to not set a precedent.

c. Village Hall

Nothing to report.

d. Village Hall Car Park

Nothing to report.

e. Broadband

Nothing new to report – ongoing.

f. Defibrillator

Clerk was still chasing supplier.

g. New Hedge

Cllr Marks gave some costings for the hedge, at the end of the Sports Field, which sadly exceeded the grant available from CDC. Some members were concerned that the view from the field northwards would be lost. **RESOLVED** not to proceed with the project.

h. Post Office & Shop

It was reported that a couple were interested in taking on the business.

i. Other Parish Matters

Members discussed once again the flooding issue at *The Croft* Bus Shelter; quotes would continue to be sought.

Preservative would be applied to parish noticeboards.

A complaint had been received from a resident that a drainage ditch running alongside the field behind the houses bordering the A286 to the north of the village was being filled with rubbish. This could lead to gardens and houses being flooded. Cllr Marks acknowledged that the ditch was on land that he farms and agreed to investigate further.

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **B**
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 15 September 2020 was NOTED – Appendix **C** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr Miss Russell.

12. Any Other Matters for Information

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2 November 2020 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.26pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/20/035 43/FUL	Longmeadow Bell Lane Cocking GU29 0HU	Erection of 2 no. dwellings with associated garaging and surface parking.	<p>OBJECT for the following material reasons: The proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would be by virtue of light pollution impact on wildlife particularly the bats and owls resident in this location; 2. Would be to the detriment of pedestrians, as it would add traffic onto Bell Lane which is a narrow rural lane without a footway; 3. Be to the detriment of other highway users, by virtue of their being no provision for visitor parking. There is no additional parking available on Bell Lane and there is already a problem with local residents blocking the Lane where properties have two cars and only space for one car. This Lane is already busy with large agricultural vehicles who take the full width of the Lane. <p>In addition the village needs low cost first time buyer properties not more expensive executive housing! Also, the loss of trees and other interesting features from this historic site, is very much regretted.</p>

APPENDIX B

PAYMENTS: - 8 SEPTEMBER - 5 OCTOBER 2020						
DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
05/10/2020	Cowdray Estate	877	Ground Rent- Village Hall - 2nd Part	143.66		143.66
			Ground Rent- Rec Field - 2nd Part	100.00		100.00
05/10/2020	Signquick	878	Signs: Pick up after your dog	£96.00	£16.00	£80.00
05/10/2020	Andrew James	879	Rec Field mowing etc August	£205.75		£205.75
05/10/2020	G Burt	880	Clerk salary - Sept	£214.85		£214.85
05/10/2020	HMRC	881	Clerk Tax - Sept	£53.60		£53.60
				813.86	£16.00	797.86
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DATE	PAYER	DEPOSIT	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT		
11/09/2020	CDC	BAC	Precept Part II	£6,783.00		

APPENDIX C

BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 15 SEPTEMBER 2020				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2020		£10,990.44		
Add Total Receipts		13,567.00		
Less Total Payments		(5,401.26)		
TOTAL		£19,156.18	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (15/09/2020)		19,806.18		
Less unrepresented cheques				
	853	£450.00		
	867	£100.00		
	868	£100.00		
		-650.00		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
		0		
TOTAL		19,156.18	◀	

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